

**Lafayette Open Space Advisory Committee
Minutes of September 24, 2020 Meeting**

Call to Order- Chair, Lisa Carlson, called the meeting to order noting that the meeting was open to the public in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

Roll Call- Members Present- Lisa Carlson, Carl Luthman, Karen Mitchell, Kevin O’Leary, Glenn Thomas

Members absent- Alan Henderson

Minutes- The minutes from the May 26, 2020 regular meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Luthman made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Ms. Mitchell. The motion passed with a roll call vote. Ayes- Lisa Carlson, Carl Luthman, Kevin O’Leary

Open to Public- Mrs. Carlson opened the meeting to the public for the evening, but there were no members of the public present to address the Committee. Therefore, Mrs. Carlson closed the meeting to the public.

2020 Open Space Referendum Question- Mr. O’Leary presented a letter to the editor concerning the November 2020 referendum question to add development as a potential use of the Lafayette Open Space Trust. The letter provides some background on what the Township has accomplished and provides some informational information to educate the Lafayette voters about the question that will allow a percentage of the fund to be used annually for development of Township preserved properties. Ms. Mitchell made a motion to publish the letter as presented to the local news outlets and it was seconded by Mr. O’Leary. All in attendance was in favor. The letter will also go out to the numerous Lafayette organizations and will be posted on the Township website.

Old Business – None

New Business-

Mr. Thomas raised a question about a program offering credits for carbon offsets. He informed the Committee he read an article that in California there are parcels of land that are being accredited for carbon offsets and people are making money off of it. He was wondering if we can use some of the Township preserved properties to apply for accreditation. Mrs. Carlson indicated that she would contact Linda Glosinski to see if she is aware of the program and offer any insight into the inquiry.

There was a discussion addressing whether The Land Conservancy interns were able to do any work at the Lawlor site to mark out a potential trail. Mrs. Carlson indicated that this work would need to await harvesting of the corn planted pursuant to the farm lease.

Correspondence- None

Bills- None

With there being no more business to discuss, Ms. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mr. Thomas and all in attendance agreed to adjourn following a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin O'Leary